

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

164-168. Cancelled

169. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 164~~ A method of evaluating a stack of currency bills using a currency evaluation device comprising the acts of:

receiving a stack of bills in an input receptacle of the evaluation device;

transporting the bills, one at a time, from the input receptacle to one of exactly two output receptacles of the currency evaluation device;

counting and determining the denomination of the bills utilizing a detector positioned along a transport path between the input receptacle and the output receptacles;

determining whether the bills meet or fail to meet a non-piece count related criterion; and

halting the transporting when a bill meets or fails to meet the criterion, a bill meeting or failing to meet the criterion being termed a flagged bill,

wherein the halting is performed such that the flagged bill is positioned as the last bill in one of the output receptacles,

wherein bills whose denomination are determined are delivered to a first output receptacle and wherein bills whose denomination are not determined are directed to a second output receptacle, a bill whose denomination is not determined being termed a no call bill.

170. (Original) The method of claim 169 wherein the halting occurs after a no call bill has been delivered to the second output receptacle.

171. (Original) The method of claim 170 wherein the halting occurs with the no call bill being positioned at an identifiable location in the second output receptacle.

172. (Original) The method of claim 171 wherein the halting occurs with the no call bill being the last bill transported to the second output receptacle, wherein the criteria is the denomination of a bill and wherein a bill failing to meet the criterion of having its denomination determined is a flagged bill.

173. (Original) The method of claim 169 wherein the halting occurs before a no call bill has been delivered to the second output receptacle.

174. (Original) The method of claim 173 wherein the halting occurs with the no call bill being located at an identifiable location within the transport path.

175. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 164~~ A method of evaluating a stack of currency bills using a currency evaluation device comprising the acts of:

receiving a stack of bills in an input receptacle of the evaluation device;
transporting the bills, one at a time, from the input receptacle to one of exactly two output receptacles of the currency evaluation device;

counting and determining the denomination of the bills utilizing a detector positioned along a transport path between the input receptacle and the output receptacles;

determining whether the bills meet or fail to meet a non-piece count related criterion;
halting the transporting when a bill meets or fails to meet the criterion, a bill meeting or failing to meet the criterion being termed a flagged bill,

wherein the halting is performed such that the flagged bill is positioned as the last bill in one of the output receptacles; and

~~further including~~ determining whether a bill is a stranger bill, wherein a bill failing to have its denomination determined is termed a no call bill, and further including delivering stranger bills to a first output receptacle and delivering no call bills to the second output receptacle.

176. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 164~~ A method of evaluating a stack of currency bills using a currency evaluation device comprising the acts of:

receiving a stack of bills in an input receptacle of the evaluation device;
transporting the bills, one at a time, from the input receptacle to one of exactly two output receptacles of the currency evaluation device;
counting and determining the denomination of the bills utilizing a detector positioned along a transport path between the input receptacle and the output receptacles;
determining whether the bills meet or fail to meet a non-piece count related criterion;
halting the transporting when a bill meets or fails to meet the criterion, a bill meeting or failing to meet the criterion being termed a flagged bill,
wherein the halting is performed such that the flagged bill is positioned as the last bill in one of the output receptacles; and
~~further including~~ determining whether a bill is a stranger bill and wherein the non-piece count related criterion is a bill being a stranger bill.

177. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 164~~ A method of evaluating a stack of currency bills using a currency evaluation device comprising the acts of:

receiving a stack of bills in an input receptacle of the evaluation device;
transporting the bills, one at a time, from the input receptacle to one of exactly two output receptacles of the currency evaluation device;
counting and determining the denomination of the bills utilizing a detector positioned along a transport path between the input receptacle and the output receptacles;
determining whether the bills meet or fail to meet a non-piece count related criterion;
halting the transporting when a bill meets or fails to meet the criterion, a bill meeting or failing to meet the criterion being termed a flagged bill,
wherein the halting is performed such that the flagged bill is positioned as the last bill in one of the output receptacles; and
~~further including~~ determining whether a bill is suspect, a bill determined to be suspect being termed a suspect bill.

178. (Original) The method of claim 177 wherein bills whose denomination have been determined are delivered to a first output receptacle and wherein suspect bills are directed to the second output receptacle.

179. (Original) The method of claim 178 wherein the halting occurs before a suspect bill has been delivered to the second output receptacle.

180. (Original) The method of claim 179 wherein the halting occurs with the suspect bill being located at an identifiable location within the transport path.

181. (Original) The method of claim 178 wherein the halting occurs after a suspect bill has been delivered to the second output receptacle.

182. (Original) The method of claim 181 wherein the halting occurs with the suspect bill being positioned at an identifiable location in the second output receptacle.

183. (Original) The method of claim 182 wherein the halting occurs with the suspect bill being the last bill transported to the second output receptacle, and wherein the non-piece count criterion is a bill being suspect.

184. Cancelled

185. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 164~~ A method of evaluating a stack of currency bills using a currency evaluation device comprising the acts of:

receiving a stack of bills in an input receptacle of the evaluation device;

transporting the bills, one at a time, from the input receptacle to one of exactly two output receptacles of the currency evaluation device;

counting and determining the denomination of the bills utilizing a detector positioned along a transport path between the input receptacle and the output receptacles;

determining whether the bills meet or fail to meet a non-piece count related criterion; and

halting the transporting when a bill meets or fails to meet the criterion, a bill meeting or failing to meet the criterion being termed a flagged bill,

wherein the halting is performed such that the flagged bill is positioned as the last bill in one of the output receptacles,

wherein the criterion is a bill being a stranger bill, and wherein the halting occurs with a stranger bill as the last bill in one of the output receptacles.

186. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 164~~ A method of evaluating a stack of currency bills using a currency evaluation device comprising the acts of:

receiving a stack of bills in an input receptacle of the evaluation device;

transporting the bills, one at a time, from the input receptacle to one of exactly two output receptacles of the currency evaluation device;

counting and determining the denomination of the bills utilizing a detector positioned along a transport path between the input receptacle and the output receptacles;

determining whether the bills meet or fail to meet a non-piece count related criterion; and

halting the transporting when a bill meets or fails to meet the criterion, a bill meeting or failing to meet the criterion being termed a flagged bill,

wherein the halting is performed such that the flagged bill is positioned as the last bill in one of the output receptacles,

wherein the criterion is a bill being a suspect bill, and wherein the halting occurs with a suspect bill as the last bill in one of the output receptacles.

187. Cancelled

188. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 187~~ A method of evaluating a stack of currency bills using a currency evaluation device comprising the acts of:

receiving a stack of bills in an input receptacle of the evaluation device;

transporting the bills, one at a time, from the input receptacle to one of exactly two output receptacles of the currency evaluation device;

counting and determining the denomination of the bills utilizing a detector positioned along a transport path between the input receptacle and the output receptacles;

determining whether the bills meet or fail to meet a non-piece count related criterion; and
halting the transporting when a bill meets or fails to meet the criterion, a bill meeting or failing to meet the criterion being termed a flagged bill,

wherein the halting is performed such that the flagged bill is positioned as the last bill in one of the output receptacles,

wherein a bill failing to have its denomination determined being termed a no call bill, and further determining whether a bill is a suspect bill,

wherein the halting occurs when a bill is determined to be a suspect bill.

189. (Original) The method of claim 188 further including delivering bills whose denomination have been determined and suspect bills to a first output receptacle and delivering no call bills to a second output receptacle.

190. (Original) The method of claim 189 further including determining whether bills are stranger bills, and delivering stranger bills to the second output receptacle.

191. (Original) The method of claim 190 wherein the halting occurs after a no call bill or a stranger bill has been delivered to the second output receptacle.

192. (Original) The method of claim 191 wherein the halting occurs with the no call bill or the stranger bill being the last bill transported to the second output receptacle.

193. (Original) The method of claim 190 wherein the halting does not occur after a no call bill or a stranger bill has been delivered to the second output receptacle.

194. (Original) The method of claim 193 wherein the halting occurs after a suspect bill has been delivered to an output receptacle.

195. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[187]]~~ 188 further including delivering bills whose denomination have been determined to a first output receptacle and delivering no call bills to a second output receptacle.

196. (Original) The method of claim 195 wherein the halting occurs after a no call bill has been delivered to the second output receptacle.

197-215. Cancelled

216. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 215~~ A method of evaluating a stack of currency bills using a compact, high-speed United States currency evaluation device comprising the acts of:

receiving a stack of United States currency bills of a plurality of denominations in an input receptacle of the currency evaluation device;

transporting the bills, one at a time, from the input receptacle to one of exactly two output receptacles of the currency evaluation device at a rate of at least 800 bills per minute;

counting and determining the denomination of the bills, including United States bills of a plurality of denominations, at a rate of at least 800 bills per minute utilizing a detector positioned along a transport path between the input receptacle and the output receptacles;

flagging bills that meet or fail to meet any of certain non-piece count related criteria, a bill meeting or failing to meet any of the criteria being termed a flagged bill, wherein the flagging comprises halting the transporting when a bill meets or fails to meet at least one of the criteria,

wherein one of the certain criteria is the denomination of a bill, a bill failing to meet the criterion of having its denomination determined being termed a no call bill, and wherein no call bills are flagged;

determining whether a bill is a stranger bill, wherein one of the certain criteria is a bill being a stranger bill and wherein stranger bills are flagged; and

determining whether a bill is a suspect bill, wherein one of the certain criteria is a bill being a suspect bill and wherein suspect bills are flagged,

wherein the two output receptacles consist of a first output receptacle and a second output receptacle, and further directing stranger bills and no call bills to the first output receptacle and directing suspect bills to the second output receptacle.

217. (Original) The method of claim 216 wherein halting occurs when a no call bill or a stranger bill is delivered to the first output receptacle.

218. (Original) The method of claim 216 wherein halting does not occur when a no call bill or a stranger bill is delivered to the first output receptacle.

219-227. Cancelled

228. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 225~~ A method of evaluating a stack of currency bills using a compact, high-speed United States currency evaluation device comprising the acts of:

receiving a stack of United States currency bills of a plurality of denominations in an input receptacle of the currency evaluation device;

transporting the bills, one at a time, from the input receptacle to one of exactly two output receptacles of the currency evaluation device at a rate of at least 800 bills per minute;

counting and determining the denomination of the bills, including United States bills of a plurality of denominations, at a rate of at least 800 bills per minute utilizing a detector positioned along a transport path between the input receptacle and the output receptacles;

flagging bills that meet or fail to meet any of certain non-piece count related criteria, a bill meeting or failing to meet any of the criteria being termed a flagged bill, wherein the flagging comprises halting the transporting when a bill meets or fails to meet at least one of the criteria;

wherein one of the certain criteria include the denomination of a bill and wherein the halting occurs when a bill fails to meet a criterion of having its denomination determined, a bill failing to meet the criterion of having its denomination determined being termed a no call bill;
and

~~further including~~ delivering bills meeting the certain criteria of having their denomination determined to a first output receptacle and directing no call bills to a second output receptacle.

229. (Original) The method of claim 228 wherein the halting occurs before a no call bill has been delivered to the second output receptacle.

230. (Original) The method of claim 228 wherein the halting occurs after a no call bill has been delivered to the second output receptacle.

231. (Original) The method of claim 230 wherein the halting occurs with a no call bill being positioned at an identifiable location in the second output receptacle.

232. (Original) The method of claim 231 wherein the halting occurs with a no call bill being the last bill transported to the second output receptacle.

233. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 209~~ A method of evaluating a stack of currency bills using a compact, high-speed United States currency evaluation device comprising the acts of:

receiving a stack of United States currency bills of a plurality of denominations in an input receptacle of the currency evaluation device;

transporting the bills, one at a time, from the input receptacle to one of exactly two output receptacles of the currency evaluation device at a rate of at least 800 bills per minute;

counting and determining the denomination of the bills, including United States bills of a plurality of denominations, at a rate of at least 800 bills per minute utilizing a detector positioned along a transport path between the input receptacle and the output receptacles;

flagging bills that meet or fail to meet any of certain non-piece count related criteria, a bill meeting or failing to meet any of the criteria being termed a flagged bill, wherein the flagging comprises halting the transporting when a bill meets or fails to meet at least one of the criteria;
and

~~further including~~ determining whether bills are suspect bills and wherein the halting occurs when a bill meets a criterion of being determined to be a suspect bill.

234. (Original) The method of claim 233 further including delivering bills whose denominations have been determined to a first output receptacle and delivering suspect bills to a second output receptacle.

235. (Original) The method of claim 234 wherein the halting occurs after a suspect bill has been delivered to the second output receptacle.

236. (Original) The method of claim 235 wherein the halting occurs with a suspect bill being positioned at an identifiable location in the second output receptacle.

237. (Original) The method of claim 236 wherein the halting occurs with the suspect bill being the last bill transported to the second output receptacle.

238. (Original) The method of claim 234 further including delivering bills whose denomination have not been determined to the second output receptacle.

239. (Original) The method of claim 238 wherein the halting occurs in response to the denomination of a bill not being determined.

240. (Original) The method of claim 234 further including delivering bills whose denomination have not been determined to the first output receptacle.

241. Cancelled

242. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 241~~ A method of evaluating a stack of currency bills using a compact, high-speed United States currency evaluation device comprising the acts of:

receiving a stack of United States currency bills of a plurality of denominations in an input receptacle of the currency evaluation device;

transporting the bills, one at a time, from the input receptacle to one of exactly two output receptacles of the currency evaluation device at a rate of at least 800 bills per minute;

counting and determining the denomination of the bills, including United States bills of a plurality of denominations, at a rate of at least 800 bills per minute utilizing a detector positioned along a transport path between the input receptacle and the output receptacles; and

flagging bills that meet or fail to meet any of certain non-piece count related criteria, a bill meeting or failing to meet any of the criteria being termed a flagged bill, wherein the flagging comprises halting the transporting when a bill meets or fails to meet at least one of the criteria,

wherein the certain criteria include the denomination of a bill and wherein the halting occurs when a bill fails to meet a criterion of having its denomination determined, a bill failing to meet a criterion of having its denomination determination being termed a no call bill, and further including determining whether bills are suspect,

wherein the halting occurs when a bill meets a second criterion of being determined to be suspect.

243. (Original) The method of claim 242 further including delivering bills whose denomination have been determined to a first output receptacle and directing bills determined to be suspect and bills whose denomination have not been determined to a second output receptacle.

244. (Original) The method of claim 243 wherein the halting occurs after a no call bill or a suspect bill has been delivered to the second output receptacle.

245. (Original) The method of claim 244 wherein the halting occurs with the no call bill or the suspect bill being the last bill transported to the second output receptacle.

246. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 241~~ A method of evaluating a stack of currency bills using a compact, high-speed United States currency evaluation device comprising the acts of:

receiving a stack of United States currency bills of a plurality of denominations in an input receptacle of the currency evaluation device;

transporting the bills, one at a time, from the input receptacle to one of exactly two output receptacles of the currency evaluation device at a rate of at least 800 bills per minute;

counting and determining the denomination of the bills, including United States bills of a plurality of denominations, at a rate of at least 800 bills per minute utilizing a detector positioned along a transport path between the input receptacle and the output receptacles; and

flagging bills that meet or fail to meet any of certain non-piece count related criteria, a bill meeting or failing to meet any of the criteria being termed a flagged bill, wherein the flagging comprises halting the transporting when a bill meets or fails to meet at least one of the criteria,

wherein the certain criteria include the denomination of a bill and wherein the halting occurs when a bill fails to meet a criterion of having its denomination determined, a bill failing to meet a criterion of having its denomination determination being termed a no call bill, and further including determining whether bills are suspect, and

~~further including~~ delivering bills whose denomination have been determined to a first output receptacle and directing bills whose denomination have not been determined to a second output receptacle.

247. (Original) The method of claim 246 further including delivering suspect bills to the second output receptacle.

248. (Original) The method of claim 246 further including delivering suspect bills to the first output receptacle.

249-258. Cancelled

259. (Previously Presented) A method of evaluating a stack of currency bills using a currency evaluation device comprising the acts of:

receiving a stack of bills in an input receptacle of the evaluation device;

transporting the bills, one at a time, from the input receptacle to one of exactly two output receptacles of the currency evaluation device;

counting and determining the denomination of the bills utilizing a detector positioned along a transport path between the input receptacle and the output receptacles;

determining whether the bills are suspect; and

flagging a bill that has been determined to be suspect,

wherein the flagging comprises halting the transport mechanism when a bill is determined to be suspect.

260. (Original) The method of claim 259 wherein the counting and determining the denominations of the bills comprising counting and denominating United States currency bills of a plurality of denominations.

261. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 259 wherein the counting and determining the denominations of the currency bills is performed independent of the size of the bills.

262. (Original) The method of claim 259 wherein the halting occurs with the suspect bill being the last bill transported to one of the output receptacles.

263. (Original) The method of claim 259 wherein the detector includes a stationary optical scanning head and further including scanning at least a preselected segment of each bill transported between the input and output receptacles, producing an output signal representing the scanned image, and wherein the determining of the denomination of each scanned bill utilizes the output signal.

264-267. Cancelled

268. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 267~~ A method of evaluating a stack of U.S. currency bills using a high-speed United States currency evaluation device comprising the acts of:

receiving a stack of U.S. bills in an input receptacle of the currency evaluation device;
transporting the bills, one at a time, from the input receptacle to one of exactly two output receptacles of the currency evaluation device at a rate of at least 800 bills per minute, at least one of the output receptacles being adapted to receive more than one denomination of bills;

counting and determining the denomination of the bills, including United States bills of a plurality of denominations at a rate of at least 800 bills per minute, utilizing a detector positioned along a transport path between the input receptacle and the output receptacles;

flagging bills that meet or fail to meet any of certain non-piece count related criteria, a bill meeting or failing to meet any of the criteria being termed a flagged bill,

wherein the flagging comprises halting the transporting with a flagged bill that meets or fails to meet at least a given set of the criteria positioned in one of the output receptacles,

wherein the certain criteria include the denomination of a bill, a bill failing to meet a criterion of having its denomination determined being termed a no call bill; and

~~further including~~ determining whether a bill is a stranger bill and wherein the certain criteria include a bill being a stranger bill.

269. (Original) The method of claim 268 further including delivering no call bills to a first output receptacle and delivering stranger bills to a second output receptacle.

270. (Original) The method of claim 268 further including determining whether a bill is a suspect bill and wherein the certain criteria include a bill being a suspect bill.

271. (Original) The method of claim 270 further including directing no call bills and stranger bills to a second output receptacle and directing suspect bills to the first output receptacle.

272. (Original) The method of claim 271 wherein the halting occurs when a bill is directed to the second output receptacle.

273. (Original) The method of claim 271 wherein the halting does not occur when a bill is directed to the second output receptacle.

274. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 264~~ A method of evaluating a stack of currency bills using a high-speed United States currency evaluation device comprising:
receiving a stack of bills in an input receptacle of the currency evaluation device;
transporting the bills, one at a time, from the input receptacle to one of exactly two output receptacles of the currency evaluation device at a rate of at least 800 bills per minute, at least one of the output receptacles being adapted to receive more than one denomination of bills;
counting and determining the denomination of the bills including United States bills of a plurality of denominations at a rate of at least 800 bills per minute, utilizing a detector positioned along a transport path between the input receptacle and the output receptacles;
flagging bills that meet or fail to meet any of certain non-piece count related criteria, a bill meeting or failing to meet any of the criteria being termed a flagged bill,
wherein the flagging comprises halting the transporting with a flagged bill that meets or fails to meet at least a given set of the criteria positioned in one of the output receptacles; and
delivering flagged bills to the second output receptacle.

275. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 264~~ A method of evaluating a stack of U.S. currency bills using a high-speed United States currency evaluation device comprising the acts of:
receiving a stack of U.S. bills in an input receptacle of the currency evaluation device;
transporting the bills, one at a time, from the input receptacle to one of exactly two output receptacles of the currency evaluation device at a rate of at least 800 bills per minute, at least one of the output receptacles being adapted to receive more than one denomination of bills;

counting and determining the denomination of the bills, including United States bills of a plurality of denominations at a rate of at least 800 bills per minute, utilizing a detector positioned along a transport path between the input receptacle and the output receptacles;

flagging bills that meet or fail to meet any of certain non-piece count related criteria, a bill meeting or failing to meet any of the criteria being termed a flagged bill,

wherein the flagging comprises halting the transporting with a flagged bill that meets or fails to meet at least a given set of the criteria positioned in one of the output receptacles,

wherein the certain criteria include the denomination of a bill, a bill failing to meet a criterion of having its denomination determined being termed a no call bill; and

~~further including~~ determining whether a bill is a stranger bill and wherein the certain criteria include a bill being a stranger bill.

276-290. Cancelled

291. (Previously Presented) A method of evaluating a stack of currency bills using a currency evaluation device comprising the acts of:

receiving a stack of bills in an input receptacle of the evaluation device;

transporting the bills, one at a time, from the input receptacle to one of exactly two output receptacles of the currency evaluation device;

counting and determining the denomination of the bills utilizing a detector positioned along a transport path between the input receptacle and the output receptacles;

generating a characteristic information output signal in response to detected characteristic information via the detector;

generating a denomination signal in response to the information output signal;

generating a suspect signal when a bill is determined to be suspect;

producing tracking signals in response to the physical movement of the bills;

generating a stopping signal in response to the suspect signal; and

stopping a transport drive motor in response to the stopping signal.

292. (Original) The method of claim 291 wherein the counting and determining the denomination of the bills comprises counting and determining United States currency bills of a plurality of denominations.

293. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 291 wherein the counting and determining the denominations of the currency bills is performed independent of the size of the bills.

294. (Original) The method of claim 291 wherein the determining of the denomination of bills includes denominating currency bills of a plurality of denominations, bills of at least two of the denominations having the same dimensions.

295. (Original) The method of claim 291 wherein the determining of the denomination of bills includes denominating currency bills of a plurality of denominations, genuine bills of the plurality of denominations have a plurality of images associated therewith, the plurality of images defining the plurality of denominations, and further including scanning the image associated with each of the bills and distinguishing among the plurality of denominations using the scanned image.

296-301. Cancelled

302. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 296~~ A method of evaluating a stack of currency bills using a currency evaluation device comprising the acts of:
receiving a stack of bills in an input receptacle of the evaluation device;
transporting the bills, one at a time, from the input receptacle to one of exactly two output receptacles of the currency evaluation device;
counting and determining the denomination of the bills utilizing a detector positioned along a transport path between the input receptacle and the output receptacles; and

halting the transporting in a predetermined manner in response to a determination that a bill meets a stranger bill criterion and in response to a determination that a bill meets a no call bill criterion,

wherein a bill which meets the stranger bill criterion is termed a stranger bill, and wherein a bill which meets the no call bill criterion is termed a no call bill,

wherein the halting occurs with the bill meeting the stranger bill or non call bill criterion being positioned in one of the output receptacles.

303. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[296]] 302 wherein the halting occurs with the bill meeting the stranger bill or no call bill criterion being positioned as the last bill in one of the output receptacles.

304. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 296~~ A method of evaluating a stack of currency bills using a currency evaluation device comprising the acts of:

receiving a stack of bills in an input receptacle of the evaluation device;

transporting the bills, one at a time, from the input receptacle to one of exactly two output receptacles of the currency evaluation device;

counting and determining the denomination of the bills utilizing a detector positioned along a transport path between the input receptacle and the output receptacles; and

halting the transporting in a predetermined manner in response to a determination that a bill meets a stranger bill criterion and in response to a determination that a bill meets a no call bill criterion,

wherein a bill which meets the stranger bill criterion is termed a stranger bill, and wherein a bill which meets the no call bill criterion is termed a no call bill,

wherein the halting occurs with the bill meeting the stranger bill or no call bill criterion being located at a predetermined position.

305. Cancelled

306. Cancelled

307. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 296~~ A method of evaluating a stack of currency bills using a currency evaluation device comprising the acts of:

receiving a stack of bills in an input receptacle of the evaluation device;

transporting the bills, one at a time, from the input receptacle to one of exactly two output receptacles of the currency evaluation device;

counting and determining the denomination of the bills utilizing a detector positioned along a transport path between the input receptacle and the output receptacles;

halting the transporting in a predetermined manner in response to a determination that a bill meets a stranger bill criterion and in response to a determination that a bill meets a no call bill criterion,

wherein a bill which meets the stranger bill criterion is termed a stranger bill, and wherein a bill which meets the no call bill criterion is termed a no call bill; and

~~further including~~ determining whether bills are suspect and wherein one of a criterion is a bill being a suspect bill.

308. (Original) The method of claim 307 wherein the output receptacles include a second receptacle, and further including delivering stranger and no call bills to the second output receptacle and wherein suspect bills are delivered to the first output receptacle.

309. (Original) The method of claim 308 wherein the halting occurs when a bill meeting the no call criterion or the stranger criterion is delivered to the second output receptacle.

310. Cancelled

311. Cancelled